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Southend reporting significantly less 'never events' than other hospitals

# THAT'S HOW YOU DO IT!

by Steve Shaw

BBC local democracy reporter

A LEADING healthcare professional has singled out Southend Hospital as a beacon to others after warning that hospitals across mid and south Essex are not learning lessons from the past, following the publication of a list of errors.

Members of the Mid and South Essex Sustainability and Transformation Partnership met for a Joint Clinical Commissioning Group meeting on Friday and spoke about the 66 serious incidents that have been reported in hospitals across the region between May and July.

Among the incidents initially reported were five categorised as "never events" – mistakes that should never happen – but that number has now risen to seven.

One of the newly reported events was an incident of wrong site surgery at the Mid Essex Hospital Trust, which had previously detailed how one patient's finger was operated on accidentally and another had the wrong eye operated on.

Carol Anderson, chief nurse for



THE RIGHT STUFF: Southend Hospital

the Joint Committee Team, said: "I have asked the trust to do a significant review of all the never events across the three hospitals. For me in particular with the wrong site surgery, we are just not learning lessons of the past.

"I have put a bid into Health Education England for some money to support a change of culture around how we embed the learning because what we are currently doing isn't working and we also

happen to have a public health registrar in mid-Essex at the minute and I've taken advantage of that and asked if he will do a full review of all the never events that have happened across the group."

The other never event that occurred since the list was published centred on failure to remove a swab after a patient gave birth.

When asked whether there are any other trusts that the hospitals can learn from, Ms Anderson

added: "Basildon in particular is flagging as a high reporter of never events and mid-Essex is coming up quickly behind them.

"Southend must be doing something right because they are not reporting significant numbers of never events, so I have asked if they don't look anywhere else, they look to Southend.

"The one thing I do think is positive is our local trusts have set themselves a zero-tolerance target to never events, while some of the London hospitals have set themselves a target of 19."

After details of the never events were published, a spokesperson for Basildon and Thurrock University NHS Foundation Trust said: "Our staff work hard to make sure our patients get high quality care.

"We encourage staff to report any issues as quickly as possible so we can investigate thoroughly. These investigations help us understand what went wrong and how we can best stop it happening again."

A spokesperson for the Mid-Essex Health Trust said the trust has offered a "sincere apology" to those involved and are undertaking "rigorous investigations".

## Cyclist suffers fractured skull in hit-and-run incident

A CYCLIST was left with a fractured skull after a road collision in Southend.

A car, described as dark blue with a silver or light coloured patch on the back, and the cyclist were in

collision in East Street on the bridge over Prittlewell railway station at around 9pm on Tuesday, August 7.

The cyclist managed to seek help at a nearby pub and an ambulance was called. He was taken to hospital

with a fractured skull and a serious hand injury.

An Essex Police spokesman said the car failed to stop at the scene.

Anyone who saw or heard anything, has CCTV, was driving

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# Twenty One's number could be up a year after its launch

## Calls to keep community arts venue open following withdrawal of caterers

by Michael Cox

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THE FUTURE of an arts venue opened by Southend Council a year ago is under threat.

Twenty One, located near to the pier on Western Esplanade, was launched in July 2017 and is managed by Focal Point Gallery.

A statement from the council about the situation was released on Twenty One's social media accounts.

Cllr Lesley Salter, cabinet member for healthy communities and wellbeing, said it had decided to temporarily close the venue on a day-to-day basis after the withdrawal of its catering partner from its contract for the venue.

A council spokesman confirmed the caterer was Vertas, which also operates the café on the pier and at the Civic Centre.

Cllr Salter said the closure would be ongoing while the council "review options for how the venture might successfully continue".

The statement said the venue has seen 125 events organised since it opened, featuring more than 400 artists to an



UNDER REVIEW: Twenty One on Western Esplanade, Southend

audience of more than 4,500 people.

Twenty One was completed after the council budgeted £200,000 to transform

a vacant unit built as part of the Pier Hill lift project.

Comments were made on Facebook

opposing the closure of the venue.

Emma Reed said: "We need to do everything we can to preserve the important role this venue now plays in our local cultural lives."

Hannah Brailsford felt it would be "so sad" to lose the venue while Laura Ravinet said: "I have attended events here and it provides such an important venue for the local community."

"Surely something could have been done to keep this open instead of temporarily closing it after all the hard work!"

The council confirmed that it would provide further updates on the future of Twenty One soon.

Cllr Salter said: "We are still honouring existing event bookings at the venue but it will not be open otherwise."

"We are determined that Twenty One will continue to play an important role in Southend's cultural scene but need to consider how the overall offer of the venue might need to be refined in order for it to operate as a successful, sustainable business."

The YA contacted Vertas for a response but had not received one at the time of going to press.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Man tried to rob shop

POLICE are appealing for information after a man armed with a knife tried to rob Premier Store, London Road, Westcliff at 11pm on Thursday, August 9.

Police received reports a man entered the shop and threatened a member of staff with a knife and demanded cash.

The staff member refused and the suspect ran out empty-handed towards the town centre.

He is black, 5ft 5ins, and wore glasses and a green Puffa jacket with a fur hood. He was also holding a black Nike backpack.

Anyone with information, CCTV or dashcam footage can call Southend CID on 101, quoting crime reference 432/114905/18, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

#### Van collision appeal

A WOMAN suffered a fractured hip in a road collision with a Royal Mail van in Southend.

Police are appealing for witnesses to the incident in London Road at 2.40pm on Thursday, June 26.

Officers were called to reports that a 69-year-old woman was in collision with what was described as a Royal Mail van.

Anyone with information is asked to call PC David Ford at Chigwell Roads Policing Unit on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

#### Submit art for show

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## Ex-PC guilty of misconduct for behaviour towards women

A FORMER Essex Police officer has been found guilty of misconduct after he "behaved inappropriately" towards eight women – including a 16-year-old girl.

Several of the women were considered vulnerable.

Marc Louis came into contact with all eight civilians through the course of his work as a police officer between July 2012 and December 2016.

An Essex Police spokesman said: "His behaviour ranged from sending flirtatious emails and letters to kissing four of the women. One of the members of the public he sent flirtatious emails to was a 16-year-old girl."

"A number of the women were vulnerable. Some had been involved in road traffic collisions and one had been a victim of a crime."

A misconduct panel ruled on Tuesday,

August 7, that if Louis had not already resigned from Essex Police, he would have been sacked.

Louis did not attend the hearing, held at the Chelmsford Civic Centre. He quit the force in June this year.

Superintendent Kevin Baldwin, who sat on the panel, said: "During his time as a police officer, Marc Louis abused his position to instigate inappropriate relationships or contact with women

he met following incidents he had attended. Some of these women were clearly vulnerable and in four cases his behaviour led to inappropriate physical contact."

"Had he not resigned as a police officer prior to the hearing, he would have been dismissed for this behaviour."

"His actions were a clear and serious breach of the Code of Ethics that all officers and staff must abide by."

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# Most police officers willing to carry guns

by Piers Meyler

BBC local democracy reporter

ALMOST two thirds of Essex police officers say they would be willing to carry guns – ten per cent higher than the average in England and Wales.

A recent Police Federation of England and Wales survey revealed that 41 per cent of Essex officers are in favour of the routine arming of officers and that 65 per cent would be prepared to carry a firearm at times on duty.

Across England and Wales, that figure was 55 per cent.

However, Essex Police Federation Chairman Steve Taylor believes that officers in Essex and beyond should not be routinely armed.

“We police by consent and I think the routine arming of every officer could undermine that system.

“Thankfully at the moment I don’t think we face the level of firearms violence that would necessitate officers having guns.”

Armed officers in Essex attended more than 500 incidents requiring a firearms response in the county in 2017.

Between the two main firearms teams, one responding to incidents across the county and the other at Stansted Airport, there were 522 deployments requiring firearms support throughout 2017.

These incidents range from



**SURVEY: Almost two thirds of officers in Essex say they are prepared to carry guns – ten per cent above the average for England and Wales**

emergency calls to reports of dangerous criminals armed with guns, to those in distress who pose a risk of harm to themselves and others.

The teams also carried out planned deployments including warrants, operations or planned arrests where intelligence suggests individuals involved may have firearms or other dangerous weapons.

There were 2,596 incidents requiring the support of Taser-trained officers, to deal with volatile or dangerous suspects. Tasers were only fired at 24 of the incidents in the last year.

The armed officers also carried out 768 arrests during 2017, completed 7,872 hours of basic firearms training and attended 14,580 non-firearms incidents.

The team are trained to use firearms including Tasers, side-arms including the Glock 17 and long-barrelled weapons such as Heckler and Koch G36.

Mr Taylor added that armed officers can face an elevated risk, especially when the level of training they received is not as high as specialist armed police.

He added: “The dreadful tragic case in Belgium where the two female officers were killed with their own guns and the Charlie Hebdo terrorist attack in France are examples where officers carry guns, but they are not trained to the same standards as our AFOs.

“Specialised firearms officers and their training is head and shoulders above the ordinary training police who carry guns in other countries receive.

“During the attack in Liege the officers’ guns were taken from them and used to commit further atrocities and while these may be extreme cases they are a reason why I don’t want officers routinely carrying firearms.

“I don’t think our communities want to see that either,” he added.

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# Fun day to celebrate plan for new hospice

HAVENS Hospices is celebrating the approval of plans for a new hospice with a family festival.

Southend Council gave planning permission earlier this month for a new Fair Havens Hospice in Prittlewell, which will serve people in Southend, Castle Point and Rochford.

It will incorporate 16 in-patient bedrooms, increased day hospice services and additional family support.

The charity said building work will start in the autumn.

It is holding a Family Fun Festival to say thank you to the community for its continued

support and for helping fundraise, a spokesman said.

The free event is in Priory Park opposite the site for the new Fair Havens and starts at 11am on Sunday, September 9.

It will include live music, a craft fair and mini farmers' market as well as fairground rides and refreshments.

Emily Tucker, community engagement officer for Havens Hospices, said: "We're really looking forward to celebrating taking the next step in hospice care with the local community and this festival is the start of doing just that."

"We have the opportunity

to create a larger, modern hospice that can care for twice as many patients, offer more treatments and support more families in a relaxing, friendly and welcoming environment.

"Everyone is invited to join us; there will be a chance to find out more about the new Fair Havens Hospice and what it will mean for the population of south east Essex, but the main aim of the day is to have fun and to thank the local community for their continued support."

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# As revealed by the Yellow Advertiser earlier this year, latest Government of rough sleepers. Reporter MICHAEL COX spoke to Jackie Bliss, chief 'It's not just about getting people off the streets'

JACKIE Bliss has "big shoes to fill", she reveals in an office high above Southend at HARP's headquarters in Dencora Court.

It has been eight weeks since she started her role as chief executive, replacing Gill Garwood.

Gill had spent 14 years as the figurehead of HARP's efforts to support rough sleepers in the town and reduce the numbers of homeless people.

Jackie said: "Gill pretty much

founded HARP by merging the night shelter and the day centre and she was chief exec for 14 years, just amazing what she achieved in that time.

"I have got so much respect for Gill and everything she achieved. She has big shoes to fill but I will do my best to fill those shoes."

It is her first chief executive role and she faces rising rough sleeper numbers in the town, despite the charity revealing in its 2017/18 impact report that

it had housed 1,133 homeless people in the last five years.

Jackie said one of her ambitions over the next five years was to be in a position where the charity did not have to turn anyone away.

"At the moment we don't have the resources to deal with everybody that comes and knocks on our door.

"What we need over the next five years to help with that is more accommodation.

"We have got 174 beds at the



Jackie Bliss in Dencora Court  
Photo by Martin Dalton

'We have got 174 beds at the moment, growing at roughly 20 a year so we want to add 100 beds over the next five years'

moment, growing at roughly 20 a year so we want to add 100 beds over the next five years.

"If we can do more, then that would be even better because the problem is, as fast as we

are tackling homelessness, it is increasing at an even faster rate.

"When we're trying to tackle accommodation, it's not just about getting people off the

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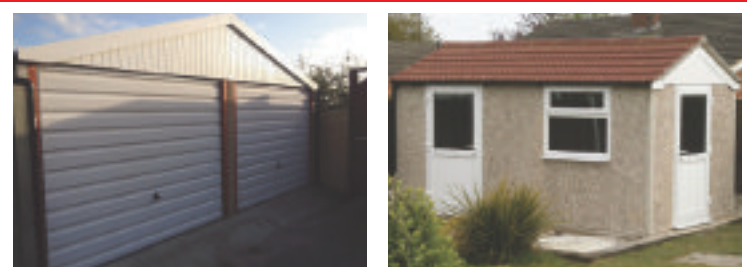
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# figures for 2017 put Southend in the country's top ten for highest number executive of charity HARP, to find out how she plans to tackle this rise

the drug dealers and hopefully maintain being clean."

She said it was disappointing that a bid from Southend Council earlier this year for Government cash fell more than £250,000 short of the amount asked for.

Jackie wanted the funding to go towards making its shelter services 24/7, but said the money will now be used for a sit-up service, which will get people off the streets at weekends.

But she admitted she had doubts over whether it was the right thing for service users.

"I am concerned is if that's the right thing to do to have people come in to us at the weekend and then come Monday we haven't got any accommodation for them so we have to say 'off you go and see you on Friday'."

The charity offers a wide range of services, including its Bradbury Day Centre and White Heather House, a hostel for women.

It also provides rehabilitation for drug and alcohol misuse.

Jackie said: "I like to use the metaphor 'Do you want to be the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff or do you want to be the fence at the top stopping people jumping or falling off in the first place?'"

"HARP is very much about

**The charity has helped to house 1,133 homeless people in Southend in the past five years**



Photos by Martin Dalton

prevention and not just about housing and homelessness.

"It's stopping people getting homeless in the first place

and if you are homeless, it's working with them to understand what is the root cause of the homelessness and

what do we need to do to stop you becoming homeless in the future."

Jackie was born at Rochford Hospital and has spent most of her life in the Southend area, though she did attend university in Cardiff.

She said personal exposure to homelessness in her family led her to want to work for the charity.

"I have had direct experience of homelessness in my family and it's something that all my life I've grown up feeling very passionate about.

"I think that changes your perspective on homelessness and what sort of person becomes homeless."

One of Jackie's wishes is that there are more charities that offer support for rough sleepers across the region.

She said: "We try and do what we can but we are not big enough to really reach out to those further areas."

She admits that she has great



Bradbury Day Centre

ambition for HARP, describing it as being "at the cutting edge".

"We're an amazing charity – I've met a lot of other homelessness charities in the country and hardly anybody is doing all the stuff that HARP does."

Jackie took part in RideLondon-Surrey at the end of July and rode 46 miles to raise money for the charity.

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# Police appeal over missing sex offender

POLICE are continuing to appeal to trace a wanted sex offender with links to Southend.

Levi Paige, 52, is wanted on recall to prison and for failing to comply with sex offender notification requirements.

Paige was released from prison on March 14, 2017, and taken to an approved premises.

He was last seen two days later when he was authorised to go to Southend Police Station and collect some property.

He has not been seen since and an Essex Police spokesman said "significant" enquiries to find him have so far been unsuccessful.

Paige, who also goes by the



HUNT: Levi Paige

name of Michael Clough, is 5ft 7ins, slim and has brown hair.

He has a Yorkshire accent and tattoos on his neck and arms.

He is known to frequent the Southend area where he has been known to sleep in tents.

But Paige is also believed to have travelled across the country in the past.

The renewed appeal comes as Paige featured as part of Sky News' One Day of Crime feature on its website last Thursday.

Anyone who has seen Paige or has information on where he might be should call Essex Police on 101.

## Burglar left DNA on screwdriver

A SOUTHEND man has been found guilty of burgling a community project and a former college.

Samuel Jackson, 36, of Outing Close, was convicted last Wednesday of two counts of burglary at Basildon Crown Court following a trial.

One of the burglaries was reported at the Men's Shed in Brook Road, Rayleigh, sometime between June 22 and 26, 2017.

The group was established there in October 2015 and allows men to meet and socialise and learn new skills such as woodworking.

Police said boxes of tools were stolen from a wooden lean-to, which had been forced open.

A screwdriver left at the scene was tested and showed a DNA match for Jackson.

In another burglary, between June 1 and 8, 2017 copper

cables worth between £1,000 and £4,000 were stolen from the former Crown Secretarial College in Sutton Road, Southend. Two tool boxes were found at the scene that did not belong to any workmen at the building site.

One of the boxes contained a drinks bottle lid, which was later tested and a DNA match was made linking it to Jackson.

He will be sentenced on September 4.



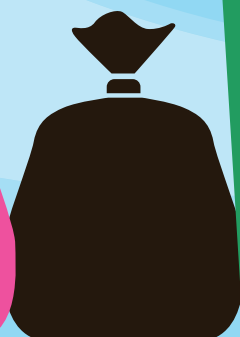
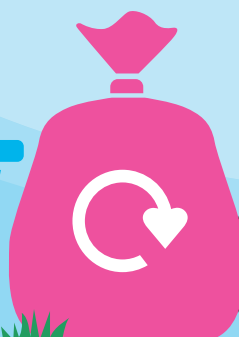
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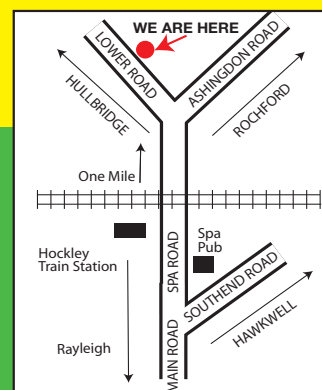
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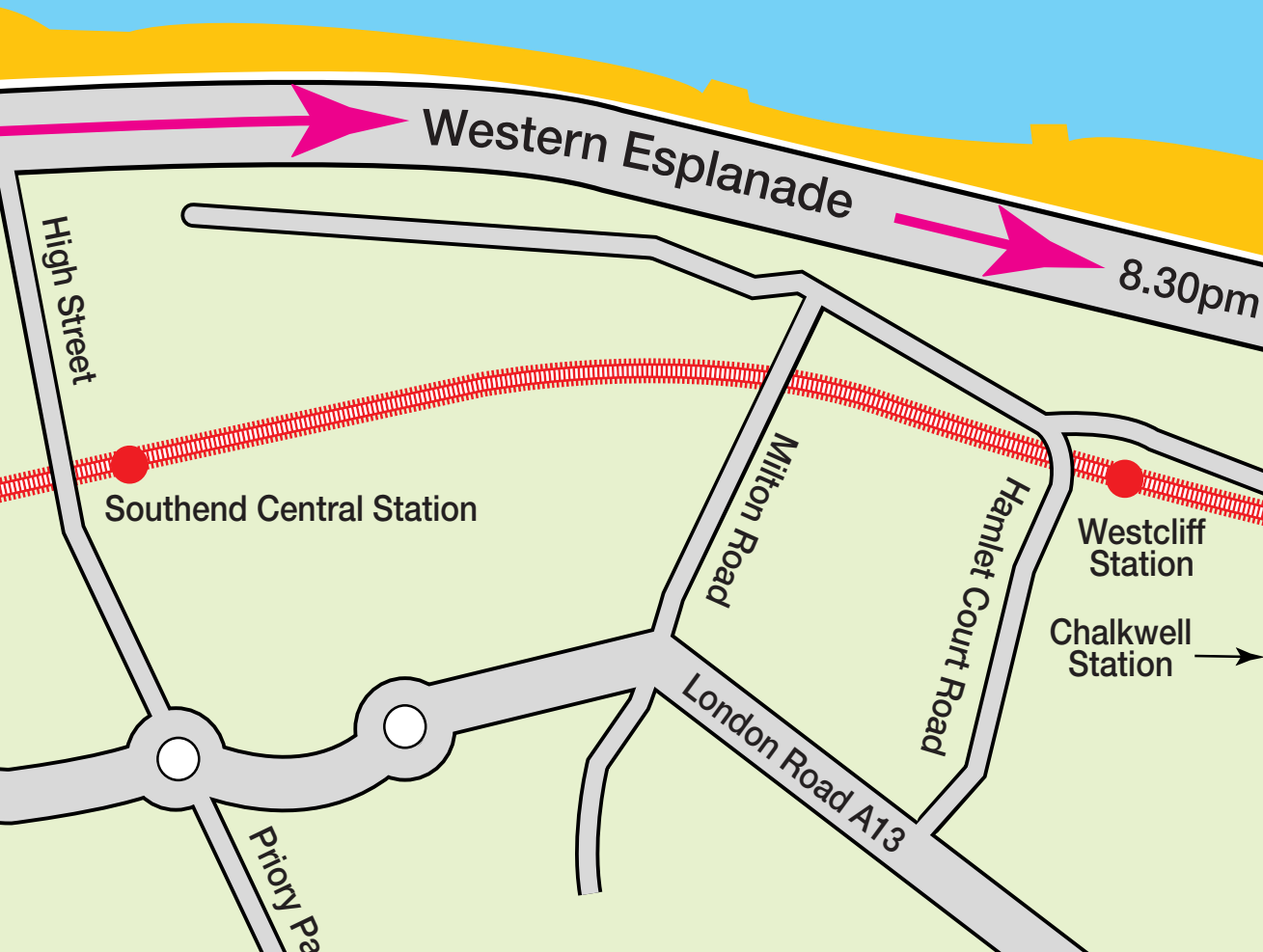


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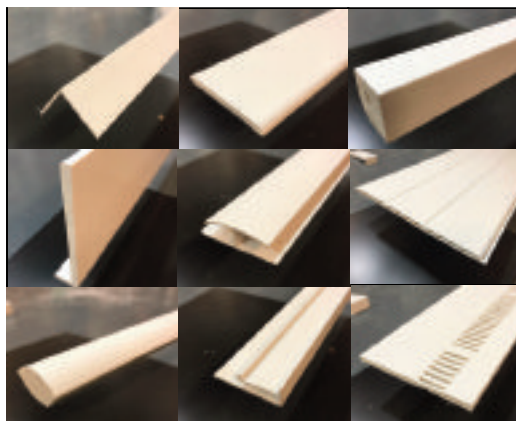


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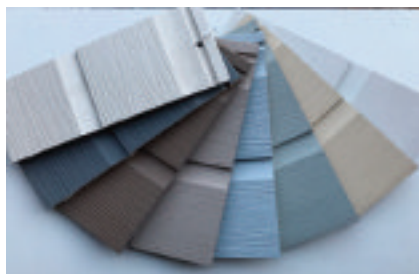


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The service, created from scratch in April 2017 with colleagues from 10 organisations coming together with a single aim, is the result of the dedication of both Barnardo's and Virgin Care's teams to deliver a good service for families.

Their achievements are remarkable given the scale of transformation – one of the biggest transformations of this kind of service in the country – and the short time since the new service launched.

As we presented to the committee at the meeting, our teams have built an integrated service which sees professionals of all kinds working together to support families, made significant improvements to safeguarding services which work with the most vulnerable families and delivered a single electronic record, meaning families only need to tell their story once.

As a result, the new service

is already having a real impact on people's lives. The majority of the more than 200 Key Performance Indicators are being met or exceeded across the service and there are plans in place to ensure we meet other targets too – in many cases, improving on the performance of the old services.

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**Richard Comerford**  
Managing Director  
Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service, Virgin Care  
Heidi Dennis, Assistant Director,  
Essex Child & Family Wellbeing Service, Barnardo's

## So much to say and all of it wrong!

I AM at a loss at where to start with this week's missives from

Keith Little and K. Knight (*YA Letters, August 10*).

Not since the last UKIP manifesto, have two people managed to write so much and be so wrong on so many issues. It's almost as if it's some sort of strange performance art.

We shouldn't be surprised that they choose not to engage with the detail of Brexit. The main voices behind the Leave campaign are also studiously avoiding engaging with the small print because their promises of sunny uplands and a global Britain just don't stand up to scrutiny when you start to try and understand how international trade works.

The only answer for these people is to shout "project fear" or use nonsensical phrases like "no deal is better than a bad deal". Has anyone asked the Prime Minister how incompetent she'd have to be to negotiate something that was actually worse than walking away?

What surprises me is that after all this time and arguments between the cabinet, warnings from the Bank of England, both foreign and British businesses, academics, economists and the financial sector, there are still people that think this is an easy process.

It demonstrates how huge the mistake was to take such a complex issue and boil it down to a simple binary choice.

I thought I'd engage with some of the points raised by them both, but quite frankly comparisons to dictatorships and comments about the war are so delusional they don't warrant the effort.

What we need from our pol-

iticians now is some honesty. Any type of Brexit (and there are many options) will damage the economy, cost jobs and make us all poorer. That is not in doubt, whatever Messrs Knight and Little say.

If we are to make the best of this act of national self-harm we need to engage with the detail and stop ignoring it.

**Paul Martin**  
Rayleigh

## Immigrants are welcome but must integrate

I HAVE no objection to any race, creed, or religion that wishes to live in the UK providing they are willing to learn our language, abide by our laws and fully integrate into our society whilst at the same time supporting the economy.

People are becoming afraid to say how they feel about issues like immigration, gays, women, as they will be labelled racist, homophobic or sexist.

However, Boris Johnson said something that the majority would not just agree with but also see as a bit of humour.

The burka does, of course, resemble a letterbox and his description was concerning the garment itself, not the wearer.

Also anyone that covers themselves in such a way that they cannot be identified for security reasons and it is not possible to tell even if they are a man or woman, must be considered a risk.

Why is it that some Muslim women wear a burka and others wear normal western clothing? Is it because some have stronger beliefs or is it because their family demands it?

Mr Johnson is not being attacked for saying what we are all thinking, but he is being attacked by people with a political agenda. There are many Muslims living outside of London and the major cities but seldom do you see a burka in Essex.

We need to welcome all immigrants that want to be part of our society rather than set up their own little communities with their own rules of law.

Our freedom of speech should not be taken away by these minorities and maybe they should consider our culture before moving to the UK.

**Keith Little**  
Benfleet

## No need to panic

ONCE again P. Martin (*YA Letters, August 3*) amazes with misrepresentations, misquotes and haywire chronology ... and

perhaps I should ask him what is it that he's smoking, so I too can attain such level of blissful ignorance.

A, The Brexit referendum was more than two years ago – not 18 months.

B, Both Mr. K. Knight and I wrote our letters after (and perhaps because of) the Chequers debacle.

C, Theresa May has not appointed "mostly Brexiteers to the Cabinet", just the opposite. P. Martin should do his homework! There were four/five Brexiteers, who have now left, and the rest are all ReMOANERS, with Mrs May and Philip Hammond at the top of that list.

I am not sure if there is a single real Leaver among them now. If anybody is "not engaging with reality", it is definitely P. Martin.

D, No one is going to starve ... the EU farmers need the UK market (and money) too much. But P. Martin can go ahead and stockpile some food.

P. S. A. Summer (also Letters August 3) is clearly smoking something else. And I agree with K. Little (also August 3) – the ReMOANERS, with their shrill, neurotic and ludicrous proclamations, are getting completely out of hand.

**Fred Nicholson**  
Westcliff

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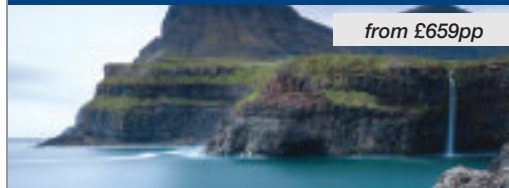
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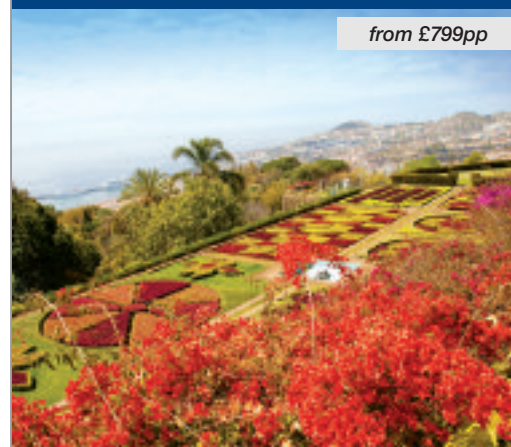
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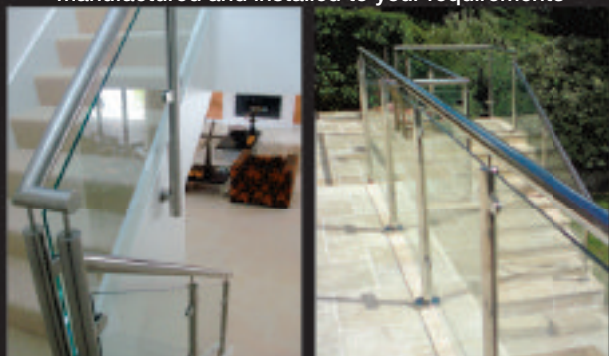
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# LIFESTYLE

## DOUBLE DECKERS

by Lewis Berrill

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Taking on the lead role of Don made famous by Cliff, is Ray Quinn – who spoke to the *Yellow Advertiser* in the lead-up to the show.

After appearing in Channel 4's Brookside as a young boy, Ray shot back into the limelight as the runner-up in ITV1's The X Factor in 2006.

This spurned a career in both music and of late musicals, with his debut album Doing it My Way entering the charts at Number 1, and quickly gaining platinum status.

Describing the show, he said: "It's good old fashioned entertainment. It is a really sweet, handsome and generous story about love, reminiscence and adventure – with a fantastic cast to boot."

"It's full of singing, dancing and tumbling. It's just a really fun night out."

Ray is perhaps best known of late for doing the double on ITV1's hugely successful show Dancing on Ice,

winning for the first time in 2009, and then again on Dancing on Ice: Champion of Champions in 2014.

Ray, who was born in 1988, never saw the 1963 original film growing up, however, it was his nan's favourite musical of all time.

"She was a massive fan of Cliff Richard and it was always a big dream of hers to watch me play him."

Interestingly Ray has chosen to avoid watching the original since landing the part, as to allow him to approach the character from an entirely fresh perspective.

"The role is well known as Cliff Richard's," he said. "I didn't watch it so I could do it my own way without being influenced."

Summer Holiday tells the story of Don and his fellow London Transport mechanics as they journey together in a red double-decker bus through Paris, the Alps, Italy and Greece.

Along the way they pick up a girl singing group and a young American pop star who is on the run from her domineering mother.

This hit-filled musical features many of the 1960s biggest songs including In the Country, Summer Holiday, Travellin' Light, Bachelor Boy, Move It, Living Doll, The Young Ones and On the Beach.

Ray added: "There are so many gorgeous songs, it's a real honour to sing these songs and to have the Cliff Richard fans in there reminiscing. Helping them step back in time is a real pleasure."

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# Graphic Equaliser

ROUGH JUSTICE: Denzel Washington as Robert McCall

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## THE EQUALISER 2 (15, 121 mins)

CRIME and punishment trade furious blows and bludgeon us into wearying submission in *The Equalizer 2*, a blood-spattered sequel to the 2014 action thriller, which reunited director Antoine Fuqua with Training Day leading man Denzel Washington.

Both return to active duty alongside scriptwriter Richard Wenk for a revenge mission, which does out rough justice on home soil in breathlessly staged and gratuitously violent fight sequences.

This Robert McCall bears scant resemblance to the avuncular figure embodied by Edward Woodward in the popular 1980s TV series.

A wince-inducing prologue, set inside a speeding Turkish Railway dining carriage, details McCall's single-handed rescue of a bookshop owner's daughter (Rhys Olivia Cote) from the girl's thuggish father.

The set-piece serves no wider narrative purpose, merely underlining the central character's predilection for snapping limbs and face-planting knife-wielding henchmen as a means to a noble end.

Fuqua could cut away from the brutality



but he relishes it in close-up, justifying each adrenaline-fuelled bout of fisticuffs by suggesting that everyone is stained by sin.

"There are no good and bad people anymore," opines one of McCall's CIA buddies, who has compromised integrity in the name of national security. "No enemies, just unfortunates."

Ultimately, we're the unfortunates because *The Equalizer 2* squanders its Oscar-winning star and builds to a final showdown battered by hurricane-force winds that is overblown in every sense.

McCall (Washington) patrols the streets of Boston as an on-demand taxi driver, forcibly rebuking one group of cocaine-snorting city gents, who casually deposit a trembling, bruised woman in the back of his car.

Occasionally he engages with passengers like Holocaust survivor Sam Rubinstein (Orson Bean), who hopes to be reunited with a cherished family heirloom.

McCall also acts as mentor to a gifted artist called Miles (Ashton Sanders), who needs to distance himself from a circle of friends comprising drug dealers and

gun-toting gang members.

In the midst of playing good Samaritan, McCall receives devastating news about one of the few people to know his location: former CIA associate Susan Plummer (Melissa Leo).

She is investigating the murders of a Belgian couple and a tangled web of intrigue propels McCall back into the orbit of his ex-partner Dave York (Pedro Pascal).

Bullets fly, friendships implode and McCall shields Susan's husband Brian (Bill Pullman) from a merciless hired assassin (Jonathan Scarfe).

*The Equalizer 2* feels considerably longer than two hours, padding out a linear central plot with Miles's journey of self-discovery and an uplifting resolution to Sam's quest.

Washington's face registers barely a single emotion as he cuts a swathe through the criminal underworld with his fists, or by gouging out an eye.

He elevates the pulpy material and makes McCall's second righteous rampage a tolerable but unedifying experience.

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## Friday, August 17

- Preview – Downstairs at the rear of The RNA Club, 73-79 East Street, Prittlewell, Southend, SS2 6LQ, Fatherhood Music, 8.30pm to midnight. Life membership £1.
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- Counselling Service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivecentre.org.uk.
- Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – Nevendon Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm, Colin, 07446 080054.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, over-50s, beginners tai chi: 10am – 12pm, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10am – 12pm, art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and bingo, £2, 01268 465854.
- Sequence Dancing – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2.15-3.15pm. 01268 465854.
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- Table Tennis – Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.

## Saturday, August 18

- Coffee Morning - Thundersley Methodist Church, Kennington Avenue, Benfleet, SS7 4BS. 10 am - 12 noon.
- Rayleigh History Walk, from Rayleigh windmill, Bellingham Lane, SS6 7ED, 3pm, £2. Details: 01268 775328.
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- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.

## Sunday, August 19

- Play – A Woman of No Importance, Rayleigh Mount, 2pm. Tickets £12.
- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides – by Waterside Sports Centre, Sommes Avenue, Canvey Island, SS8 9RA, 10.30am-3.45pm. Adults and children £1 each a ride, weather permitting. 07950 659596.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am -12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Exercise Class for stroke victims – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church, Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourious and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, 07757 658799.
- Hockley & District Horticultural Society trading hut – behind Hawkwell Village Hall, Main Road, Hawkwell, 10am to noon. Membership £3.

## Monday, August 20

- Walking football sessions – Civic Hall, Grays, 6-7pm. £2 per session.
- Ron Spack's Jazztet with Graham Hunter, trumpet and Tony Gooderham, keyboard, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood. 8.30pm. 01702 512819.

- Bowls – FS&S Club, Gardeners Close, Basildon, All-weather green, free coaching, details 01268 416467.
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- Dance Class – ballroom, Latin American, Ashington and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/ 542349.
- Leigh Scrabble Club – 7-10pm, Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Turn up or call 01268 727915.
- Senior Citizens Club – Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
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- Over-50s Keep-fit Classes – Fryerns Community Centre, Pat 01268 770294.
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- Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Blvd, Southend, all standards, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, Bowers and Pitsea Football Club, Crown Avenue, Pitsea. SS13 2BE. 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
- Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Short Mat Bowls Club – Westwood School, Hadleigh, welcomes new members Monday and Wednesday evenings, Kevin 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls, Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Indoor Short Mat Bowls – Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, Ray 01268 777666.
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- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.

## Tuesday, August 21

- Couples. Table tennis, snooker, 8-10pm, St Andrew's Church Hall, Ashington. Drop in or call 01702 548597.
- Painting class – The Studio, Glebelands Nursery, Hawkwell, Hockley, SS5 4JY, 10.30am-12.30pm. Details 01702 30717.
- Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Rd, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. 01702 478783.
- Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.
- Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm. 01702 715111.
- Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.
- Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
- Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, 01268 498642.
- Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, supporting people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
- Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, Basildon, SS14 2TJ, 9.30am-2pm.
- Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
- Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
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**INGREDIENTS:**  
(Serves 8)

For the pastry:  
130g plain flour  
1/4tsp fine sea salt  
1tbsp wholegrain mustard  
80g cold butter, cubed  
1tbsp vodka

For the filling:  
3 medium eggs  
300ml single cream  
1/2tsp fine sea salt  
1tsp black pepper  
300g Vasterbotten or mature Cheddar cheese, grated  
1 small onion, peeled and thinly sliced

For the mushroom topping:  
75g butter  
250g chanterelle mushrooms



rooms, brushed clean

A small handful of fresh parsley leaves, finely chopped

**Method:**

1. To make the pastry, mix together the flour and salt. Add the mustard and cold butter, then use your fingertips to rub it all together until you have a sandy texture. Add the vodka to bring it into a dough. Place between two sheets of baking paper and roll into a circle that is larger than your quiche tin (21cm, 4cm deep). Leave to chill in the fridge for 30 minutes. Preheat the oven to 180°C/fan 160°C/gas 4.

2. Remove the pastry from the fridge and use it to line the pie tin. If the pastry is too hard, leave to soften for five to 10 minutes before lining the tin. Prick the pastry in the tin with a fork. Line with bak-

ing paper and pour in baking weights. Bake for 20 minutes, then remove the baking weights and paper and bake for a further 10 minutes, or until the base is dry and firm.

3. To make the filling, beat the eggs with the cream, salt and pepper until you have a smooth mixture. Stir in the cheese. Pour into the pie case, put the onions on top and bake for another 25-30 minutes, or until the mixture is set but still a little wobbly.

4. When the pie has cooled, heat the butter for the mushrooms in a large frying pan. Once the butter is foaming, add the chanterelles and cook for four to five minutes, or until lightly golden and cooked through. Leave to cool slightly. Scatter the pie with parsley and top with the mushrooms to serve.

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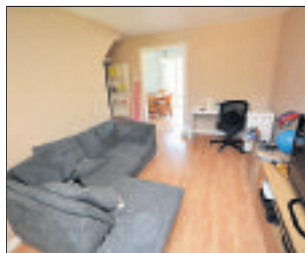
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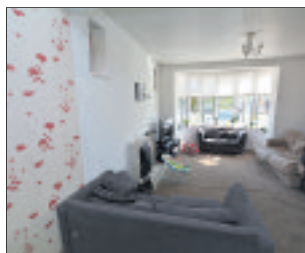
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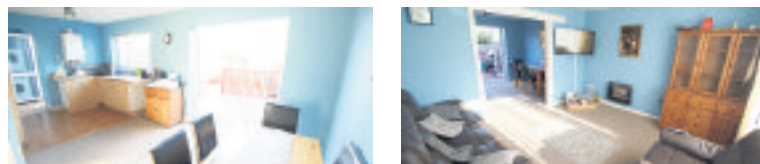
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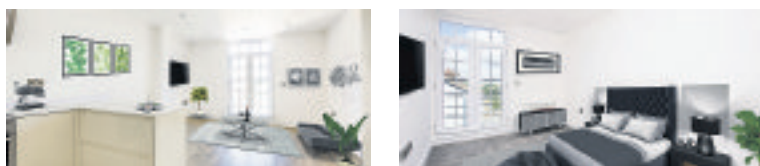
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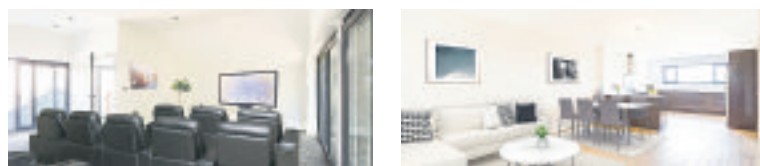
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## Little known motoring offences

By Chris Russon

DRIVING with a sat nav wrongly placed on your windscreen can land you with a £200 fine and six points on your licence.

And getting too close to a pedal cyclist while overtaking can lead to a £100 fixed penalty ticket and three penalty points.

The two motoring offences are being highlighted by road safety organisation GEM Motoring Assist among five little known infringements which can land you in trouble.

The others are parking by a zebra crossing, driving with a defective tyre and attaching a non-compliant number plate.

According to the Highway Code, the recommended distance for passing a cyclist is 1.5 metres. If you are seen overtaking too close to a cyclist, you face prosecution.

And when it comes to number plates GEM is warning all drivers that they must show their vehicle registration correctly.

According to the DVLA, strict rules apply concerning fonts, styles and letter sizes. Non-compliance in the first instance will lead to a £100 non-



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endorsable ticket and the DVLA has the power to cancel your right to use a cherished plate.

GEM says that if you have paid a king's ransom for it, then make sure you display it correctly.

Other offences in the list are parking on the zig-zag lines found at pedestrian

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A tyre with less than 1.6mm of tread across the all-round central three-quarters can land you with £100 fine and three points. If more than one tyre is

faulty, you will face a court hearing where you can receive a fine of up to £2,500 and three points per tyre.

And when it comes to siting a device on your windscreen, GEM points out that obstruction is measured in zones.

Zone A refers to the area directly in front of you when you're driving,

and this area must not contain any obstruction measuring over 10mm in diameter.

Zone B refers to the rest of the windscreen, where stickers and other obstructions must not measure more than 40mm.

The Highway Code states that "windcreens and windows must be kept clean and free from obstructions to vision".

So if you use a sat nav, then it makes sense to buy a holder you can insert into an air vent, rather than risk mounting it on the windscreen and a dashcam should be mounted between the rear-view mirror and windscreen.

If you do not have a full view of the road and traffic ahead, you can be fined £200 with six points on your licence.

GEM road safety officer Neil Worth said: "We encourage all road users to brush up their Highway Code knowledge and to ensure that they are not putting themselves at unnecessary risk of a penalty ticket.

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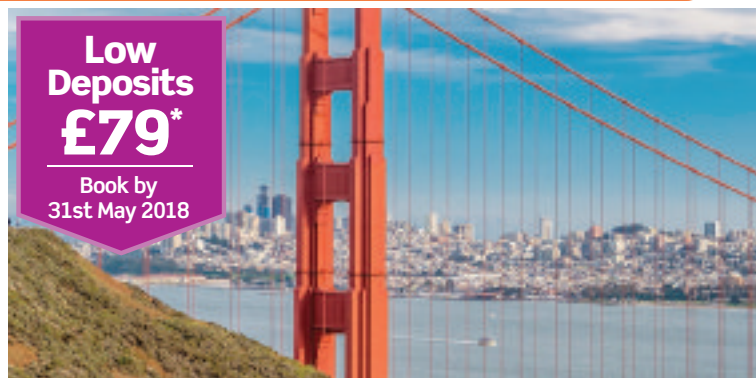
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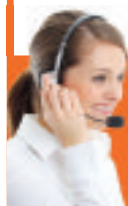
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New-look Hammers face tough test in season opener away to title hopefuls

## FOUR PLAY

### Football

by **Brian Jeeves**  
reporting from Anfield

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**Liverpool 4 - 0 West Ham Utd**  
WEST Ham United's Premier League campaign got off to a difficult start as Liverpool produced a scintillating display to win by four unanswered goals on Sunday.

The east Londoners have won just once at the Reds' home in 56 years, and had conceded four goals in each of their last three league encounters with Jurgen Klopp's men.

There were not too many stats supporting a West Ham victory. They had tasted defeat on no less than 11 occasions on the opening day of the Premier League season – more than any other club.

Nevertheless, with a clutch of new additions to the squad, five of whom were lined up for their inaugural Hammers starts, as well as two more from the bench, hope sprang eternal for the optimistic travelling supporters.

Liverpool, having spent the best part of £200million on constructing a squad capable of challenging for the title, handed starts to Brazilian goalkeeper Alisson, who arrived from Roma for £56m along with midfielder Naby Keita, who came in for a deal that could eventually be worth £66m to his former club, Red Bull Leipzig.

Speaking ahead of the game, Klopp said: "We have to be in a

championship mode. We jump into the water and we dive until we don't have oxygen anymore."

But there was plenty in the tank for the Reds. Sadio Mane was a whisker away from a telling contact with Georginio Wijnaldum's diagonal ball, while James Milner's pinpoint centre eluded Mohamed Salah and Roberto Firmino as the home side looked for a perfect start.

Shortly before the 20-minute mark, they got it. Salah arrived to supply the easiest of finishes after Keita and Andy Robertson had expertly fashioned the opening.

With the bit between their teeth, Liverpool swarmed forward. Lukasz Fabianski brilliantly turned aside Trent Alexander-Arnold's dead-ball attempt, while Mane again troubled the Hammers backline.

But the home side had a scare when Marko Arnautovic was denied by Alisson after Arthur Masuaku had picked him out.

But the hosts were enjoying the better of proceedings. Fabianski somehow thwarted Salah from point-blank range, and right on the break, they doubled their advantage.

Milner guided a cross that looked destined to go out back low across the face of goal, providing Mane with an opportunity he was never going to pass up.

West Ham should have reduced the arrears shortly after the break, Michail Antonio unable to direct goalwards after Felipe Anderson had flicked on a Robert Snodgrass corner.

And within minutes they were

West Ham's Felipe Anderson  
Photo: David Davies/PA Wire



made to pay for their wastefulness as Mane fired home his second after Firmino created the opening.

The improvement under Pellegrini is clear, but the Hammers came up against a side whose fluent style is likely to make them contenders for their first title in 28 years.

There was still time for substitute Daniel Sturridge to bundle home a fourth. It was the 28-year-old's first touch seconds after replacing Salah.

After the game, Hammers boss Manuel Pellegrini said: "We were playing one of the best teams in the Premier League, a team that played in the final of the Champions League, so we knew it was going to be difficult.

"We have no excuses, but two or three balls can decide the game."

He continued: "We conceded in the first half and then had two or three clear chances to draw level, then conceded in the last second.

"After that, the offside goal decid-

ed the game and they got a lot of confidence from that.

"Liverpool played well and deserved to win. But I don't think the difference was four goals."

West Ham return to Premier League action on Saturday, August 18 when AFC Bournemouth visit the London Stadium (3pm).

**Liverpool:** Alisson, Trent Alexander-Arnold, Joe Gomez, Virgil Van Dijk, Andy Robertson, Naby Keita, Georginio Wijnaldum, James Milner (capt), Mohamed Salah (Daniel Sturridge 87'), Roberto Firmino (Jordan Henderson 69'), Sadio Mane (Xherdan Shaqiri 82') Subs not used: Loris Karius, Nathaniel Clyne, Fabiano Tavares, Adam Lallana

**West Ham United:** Lukasz Fabianski, Fabian Balbuena, Angelo Ogbonna, Declan Rice (Robert Snodgrass 46'), Ryan Fredericks, Mark Noble (capt), Jack Wilshere, Arthur Masuak, Michail Antonio, Felipe Anderson (Javier Hernandez 62'), Marko Arnautovic (Andriy Yarmolenko 67') Subs not used: Pablo Zabaleta, Adrián, Pedro Obiang, Issa Diop

**Referee:** Anthony Taylor  
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### THE BIG MATCH

## WEST HAM v AFC BOURNEMOUTH

London Stadium, Saturday August 18, 3pm

### Non-league football

## Clarets hit six away from home

CHELMSFORD City were the National League South's big-hitters as Rod Stringer's men thrashed Hungerford Town 6-0 at Bulpit Lane.

The home side had no answer to the rampant Clarets, who eased to the three points thanks to goals from Joe Anderson, Anthony Church, Rhys Murphy, Michael Spillane, Scott Fenwick and Tom Wraight. Hungerford's miserable afternoon was compounded with the sending off of James Rusby midway through the second half.

Jake Robinson hit the only goal of the game as Billericay Town edged out Wealdstone in front of an impressive 1,152 crowd at the AGP Arena. A first-half strike from Jack Midson insured the same outcome for Concord Rangers as they picked up maximum points at Dulwich Hamlet.

East Thurrock United slipped to a 2-0 defeat at Torquay United – Ruairi Keating scoring either side of the interval for the former Football League outfit.

In the National League's top flight, Dagenham & Redbridge picked up their first point of the campaign as goals from Alex McQueen and Elliott Romain helped them to a 2-2 draw with Maidenhead United at Victoria Road. Stephen Obileye and Nana Owusu responded for the visitors, who had Alan Massey sent off.

Leyton Orient were again left frustrated after Barrow AFC grabbed a share of the spoils at Brisbane Road. Jack Hindle fired the Holker Street side ahead before the O's hit back to lead through a brace from Macauley Bonne. However, the Cumbrians nicked a point when Raul Correia equalised with five minutes remaining.

Braintree Town battled hard at Chesterfield, but it was the Spireites who won thanks to a single Curtis Weston goal shortly before the hour.

Bradley Warner, Jay Porter and Sean Marks were on target as AFC Hornchurch claimed a 3-0 Bostik League Premier Division victory over Leatherhead at Bridge Avenue.

Aveley hit six without reply against Dereham Town in their Bostik North clash at Parkside – Harry Gibbs, George Doyle, Freddie Gard, Alex Akrofi, Andy Freeman and Tom Richardson (penalty) with the Millers goals.

Romford were also in decent form, beating Great Wakering Rovers 3-0 – Chris Newby, Jonathan Nzengo and Roddy Lemba scoring for the home side.

Sam Bantick and Luke Callander did the damage as Heybridge Swifts beat Soham Town Rangers 2-0. Meanwhile, Michael Gilbey grabbed the only goal as Canvey Island won a decent encounter with Barking 1-0 at Park Lane.

Grays Athletic won 2-0 at Witham Town, while Coggeshall Town and Bowers & Pitsea played out a tense goalless encounter at West Street. Another stalemate saw Maldon & Tiptree share the spoils with Mildenhall Town following a 1-1 draw. But it proved to be an afternoon to forget for Tilbury who went down 4-0 at home to AFC Sudbury.

Basildon United made Emirates FA Cup progress, winning their Extra Preliminary Round tie at Stowmarket Town 2-0. Hullbridge Sports are also in the hat after a 2-1 success over Gorleston.

West Essex won an eight-goal thriller at Burnham Ramblers to reach the next stage. The eventual outcome was 5-3.

Walthamstow also enjoyed cup success, seeing off Walsham-le-Willows.

But the cup dream has ended for Southend Manor, who lost 3-1 to FC Romania at the Southchurch Park Arena. Ilford are also out after Sporting Bengal United won a thrilling tie 4-3. Redbridge went down 3-1 at home to Long Melford.

Barkingside and Leyton Athletic face a replay following a 0-0 draw.

## Spurs show little sign of post-World Cup fatigue

**Newcastle 1 - 2 Tottenham**  
By **Brian Jeeves** reporting from St James' Park

MAURICIO Pochettino was clearly satisfied with Spurs' start to the Premier League campaign after first-half goals from Jan Vertonghen and Dele Alli ensured success over a busy Newcastle United side.

The burning question was whether those who returned late following World Cup duty were in the right condition to quickly begin a gruelling new campaign with nine of the players in question – Toby Alderweireld, Mousa Dembele, Eric Dier, Harry Kane, Hugo Lloris, Danny Rose, Kieran Trippier, Alli and Vertonghen – only returning to Hotspur Way for pre-season training five days prior to the match.

"Newcastle showed a lot of energy

and had quality," he said after the game.

"Our players deserve massive, massive credit for the victory because it wasn't easy. They started to work Monday and try to prepare the team in the same way as the previous season."

With so many of his stars still involved during the latter stages of the World Cup, Pochettino was particularly pleased with the buzz about his side: "Many of the players returned in a good condition. I was so happy about that.

"Good performances from players that were very professional during their holidays. I think the squad showed their commitment with the club, with the team."

Kieran Trippier didn't make the squad to face the Magpies and Pochettino said: "The players that played we considered ready to play."



HEADER: Dele Alli scores Spurs' second goal

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